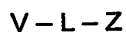


Claims

1. A compound of the general formula I:

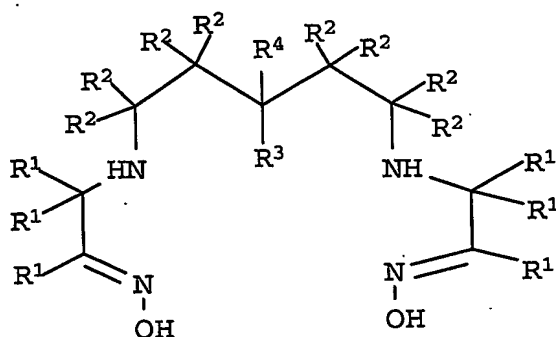


Formula I

or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein V is a non-peptidic vector having affinity for the Angiotensin II receptor L is a bond, a spacer or a linker moiety and Z represents a moiety detectable in an *in vivo* imaging procedure of a human or animal body.

2. A compound according to claim 1 wherein V is Losartan, Valsartan, Candesartan, Eprosartan or derivatives thereof.

3. A compound as claimed in any of the previous claims where Z is a chelating agent of Formula II carrying an imageable moiety M



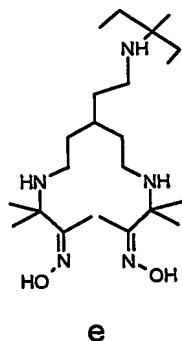
(II)

where:

each  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  is independently an R group;

each R group is independently H or  $C_{1-10}$  alkyl,  $C_{3-10}$  alkylaryl,  $C_{2-10}$  alkoxyalkyl,  $C_{1-10}$  hydroxyalkyl,  $C_{1-10}$  alkylamine,  $C_{1-10}$  fluoroalkyl, or 2 or more R groups, together with the atoms to which they are attached form a carbocyclic, heterocyclic, saturated or unsaturated ring.

4. A compound as claimed in any of the previous claims where Z is a chelating agent of formula e carrying an imageable moiety M



5. A compound as claimed in any of the previous claims wherein Z comprises an imaging moiety wherein the imaging moiety comprises metal radionuclides, paramagnetic metal ions, fluorescent metal ions, chromophores, heavy metal ions or cluster ions.

6. A compound as claimed in claims 3-5 wherein the imaging moiety comprises  $^{90}\text{Y}$ ,  $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ ,  $^{111}\text{In}$ ,  $^{47}\text{Sc}$ ,  $^{67}\text{Ga}$ ,  $^{51}\text{Cr}$ ,  $^{177\text{m}}\text{Sn}$ ,  $^{67}\text{Cu}$ ,  $^{187}\text{Tm}$ ,  $^{97}\text{Ru}$ ,  $^{188}\text{Re}$ ,  $^{177}\text{Lu}$ ,  $^{199}\text{Au}$ ,  $^{203}\text{Pb}$ ,  $^{141}\text{Ce}$  or  $^{18}\text{F}$ .

7. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound of general Formula (I) or a salt thereof, together with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvants, excipients or diluents for use in enhancing image contrast in *in vivo* imaging or for treatment of a disease.

8. Use of a compound as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 6 in the preparation of a contrast medium for use in a method of diagnosis involving administering said contrast medium to a human or animal body and generating an image of at least part of said body.

9. A method of generating images of a human or animal body involving administering a contrast agent to said body, and generating an image of at least a part of said body to which said contrast agent has distributed, characterised in that said contrast agent comprises a compound as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 6.

10. A method of generating enhanced images of a human or animal body previously administered with a contrast agent composition comprising a compound as claimed in claims 1 to 6, which method comprises generating an image of at least part of said body.